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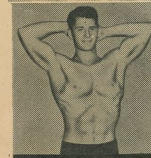
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# PUBLIC DEFENDER in the **BLACK BOOK OF TEARS**

THE LITTLE BOOK MEANT GRIEF TO HUNDREDS... AND MARK BELKER GLORIED IN THE POWER THE SECRETS IT HELD GAVE HIM. MEN LIKE ERIC JAYNES, FOR INSTANCE, WOULD DO ANYTHING TO DESTROY IT!

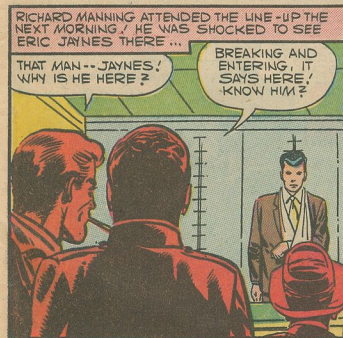


THE BOOK ISN'T IN THE SAFE, MR. JAYNES! PERHAPS A BULLET WILL TEACH YOU NOT TO ATTEMPT THIS AGAIN!

YOU'RE A FIEND, BEL... UNGH!

BELKER AGENCY

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RICHARD MANNING ATTENDED THE LINE-UP THE NEXT MORNING. HE WAS SHOCKED TO SEE ERIC JAYNES THERE...

THAT MAN--JAYNES! WHY IS HE HERE?

BREAKING AND ENTERING, IT SAYS HERE. KNOW HIM?



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ERIC? IT'S A MISTAKE, ISN'T IT?

NO MISTAKE, DICK! I DID WHAT BELKER SAYS I DID!

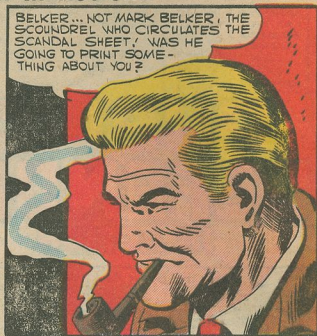


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BUT YOU'RE NOT A THIEF, YOU'RE WEALTHY, MAN!

MY MONEY COULDN'T BUY BELKER'S BLACK BOOK--SO I TRIED TO TAKE IT! HE CAUGHT ME AT IT--SHOT ME AND LAUGHED!



BELKER... NOT MARK BELKER, THE SCOUNDREL WHO CIRCULATES THE SCANDAL SHEET! WAS HE GOING TO PRINT SOMETHING ABOUT YOU?



I WON'T SAY ANY MORE, DICK! I'M GUILTY, THAT'S ALL!



RICHARD MANNING WAS EVEN MORE PUZZLED A LITTLE LATER...

I KNOW YOU, MR. MANNING! IS ERIC ALL RIGHT? DID THAT FIEND HURT HIM? I'M ELAINE ROSS, ERIC'S... FRIEND!

HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?



HE DID IT FOR ME, MR. MANNING! AND HE DIDN'T NEED TO! I DON'T CARE WHAT BELKER HAS IN THAT BLACK BOOK ABOUT ME!

TELL HIM, THEN, ELAINE! HERE HE IS NOW...



YOU SEE, ELAINE? THE YOUNG FOOL COULDN'T PROTECT YOU! FORGET HIM, MARRY ME! I'LL KEEP YOUR NAME CLEAR OF SCANDAL!

YOU MEAN YOU'LL SMEAR MY NAME IF YOU CAN! YOU'RE DETESTABLE!



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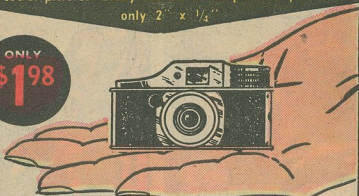


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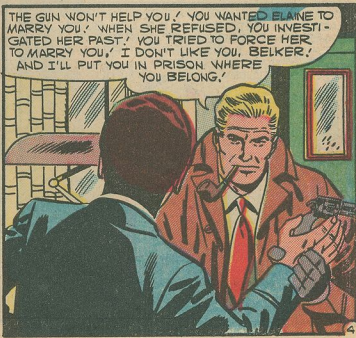
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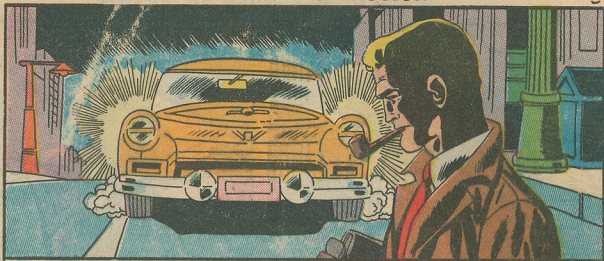
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AND IT  
ALMOST  
COST  
HIM  
HIS  
LIFE ...



LOOK OUT, YOU ...  
BELKER'S  
STOGE!

THE PUBLIC DEFENDER CALLED  
ELAINE ROSS AND ERIC JAYNES  
TO HIS OFFICE THE NEXT DAY.  
ELAINE WAS FRIGHTENED ...

ELAINE, BELKER  
KNOWS ABOUT  
YOUR PART IN  
THE NEW YORK  
DIVORCE  
CASE,  
DOESN'T  
HE ?

LOOK,  
MANNING,  
LAY OFF,  
THAT'S OVER  
WITH NOW!



BELKER HAD PART OF THE  
FACTS, AS YOU DO, ERIC.  
THE PART YOU DON'T KNOW  
IS THAT ELAINE WAS  
COMPLETELY INNOCENT!  
THE MAN'S WIFE  
FALSIFIED THE  
EVIDENCE, THE  
POLICE KNOW  
NOW.

I  
DIDN'T  
KNOW  
THAT, OH,  
ERIC, I  
TOLD YOU!

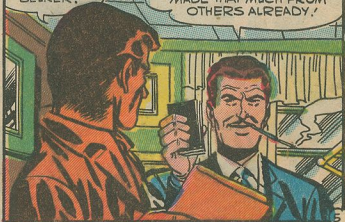


I COULD JAIL BELKER NOW FOR ATTEMPTED  
BLACKMAIL -- BUT THAT LITTLE BLACK BOOK  
OF HIS COULD CAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE  
MUCH GRIEF. I MUST GET THAT FIRST.  
ERIC, YOU'VE GOT TO HELP  
ME. LISTEN ...

LATER THAT DAY, ERIC JAYNES CALLED ON MARK  
BELKER. HE HAD A BRIEFCASE SUPPOSEDLY  
CONTAINING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ...

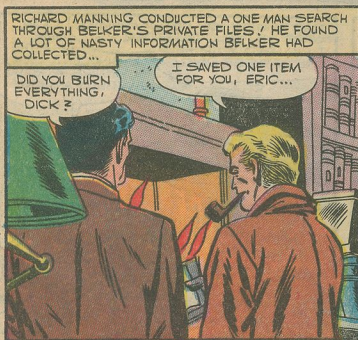
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE  
HUNDRED THOUSAND  
FOR THE BOOK,  
BELKER.

NONSENSE, MAN. I'LL  
MAKE FIVE TIMES THAT  
AMOUNT FROM IT. I'VE  
MADE THAT MUCH FROM  
OTHERS ALREADY.





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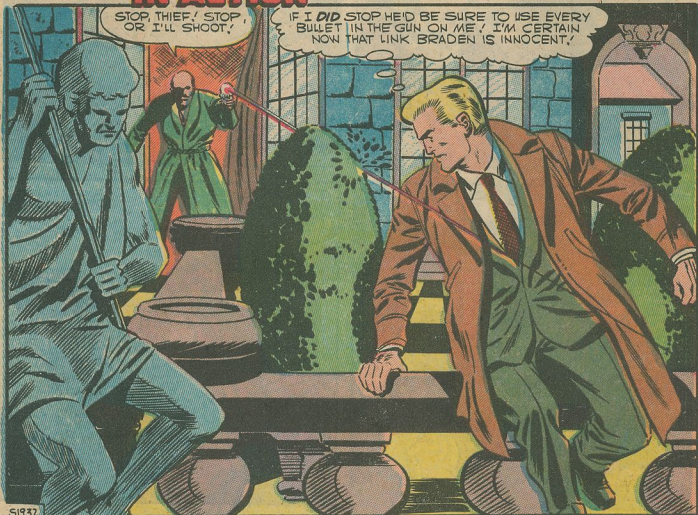


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WHEN LINK BRADEN FACED THE JUDGE, HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY! THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM WAS CONCLUSIVE... AND ONLY RICHARD MANNING, PUBLIC DEFENDER, DIDN'T BELIEVE HIS...

## PLEA of GUILT



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RICHARD MANNING HAD MET LINK BRADEN SOCIALLY ONCE. BRADEN WAS AT THE HORSE RACES THAT DAY ....

THIS IS ONE OF OUR MORE ATTRACTIVE GAMBLERS! RICHARD MANNING, THIS IS LINK BRADEN!

GLAD TO KNOW YOU, MISTER MANNING! I CAN ONLY HELP THE INNOCENT, LINK! YOU'RE PROBABLY GUILTY ANYHOW!





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THERE WAS ONLY THAT ONE MEETING -- BUT MANNING WAS OBSERVANT...

NICE YOUNG FELLOW! GOOD CLOTHES, WELL WORN -- HORSE LOVER, RATHER THAN PLUNGER TYPE! GOOD TYPE!



LESS THAN A MONTH LATER, RICHARD MANNING WAS IN THE DETECTIVES' SQUAD ROOM WHEN HE HEARD LINK BRADEN'S NAME AGAIN...

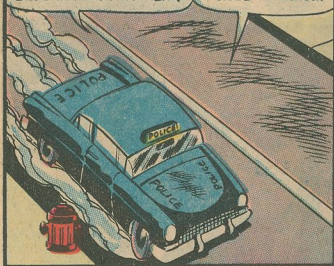
GOT A NICE TRICKY EMBEZZLEMENT CASE, MANNING? CARE TO COME ALONG?

WHY NOT?



THIS ONE SHOULD BE EASY! THEY'VE ALREADY COLLARED A LAD NAMED BRADEN! FOUND SOME MISSING BILLS IN HIS APARTMENT!

BRADEN? HMM... WONDER IF THAT COULD BE LINK BRADEN, THE HORSE PLAYER...



HI, MANNING! REMEMBER THAT BUM JOKE OF MINE! LOOKS LIKE EVEN YOU COULDN'T HELP ME NOW!

DON'T BE TOO SURE, BRADEN! HOW'S IT LOOK, HOLBEK?

BRADEN'S OUR CHOICE, MR. MANNING! MOTIVE, OPPORTUNITY, AND CASH ALL THERE!



YES, LINK BRADEN SEEMED GUILTY! HIS BOSS, HARLOW BATES, WAS SHOCKED...

THIS IS TERRIBLE! YOUNG BRADEN IS A FINE YOUNG MAN! IT'S INCREDIBLE!

IT IS TO ME TOO, BATES! MAYBE BRADEN WAS FRAMED...



WHAT? ARE YOU SAYING I... YOU INTERFERING MEDDLER!

HOLD IT!





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ACCORDING TO THE STOCK BROKER'S BOOKS, HARLOW BATES GAMBLER ON THE STOCK MARKET-- AND LOSES. I WANT TO SEE HIS PERSONAL RECORDS...



THE ROOM WAS PERFECTLY STILL... PERHAPS IT WAS AN INDRAWN BREATH, OR THE RUSTLE OF CLOTH, BUT MANNING HEARD IT AND...

WHO'S THERE?

WHAT DOES IT MATTER, COUNSELOR? IN A MOMENT, IT WON'T MATTER...

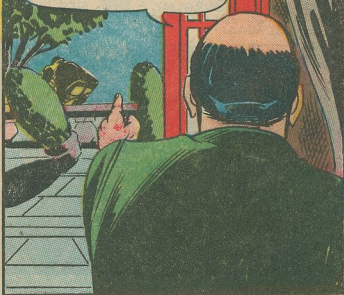


...BECAUSE YOU'LL BE...

IN A MOMENT, I WON'T BE HERE, BATES.

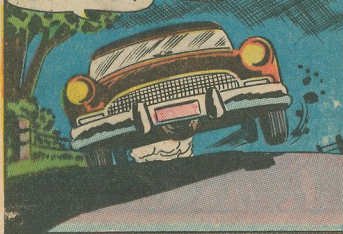


YOU WON'T GET AWAY, YOU MEDDLING FOOL.

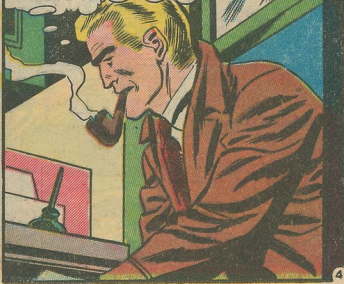


RICHARD MANNING GOT TO HIS CAR SAFELY. BUT HE KNEW HE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME. HARLOW BATES WOULD MOVE FAST...

MY NEXT STOP IS THE BANK! IF BRADEN IS TO BE CLEARED, I'VE GOT TO GET POSITIVE EVIDENCE AGAINST BATES.

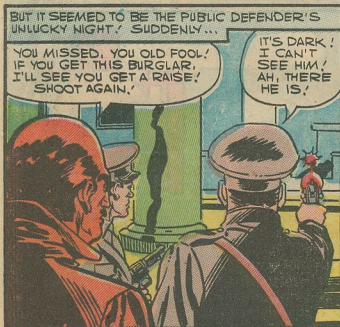


BRADEN TOLD ME THE GUARD EATS AT HOME! THIS MAY COST HIM HIS JOB, BUT IT'LL SAVE LINK'S FREEDOM.





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# GIVEN!

BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!

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LOOK  
BETTY!

I'LL BET IT'S  
A FLYING  
SAUCER!

LET'S GET OUR  
TELESCOPE AND  
BINOCULARS  
AND SEE!

HEY! THAT LOOKS  
LIKE AN EARTH  
SATELLITE!

I CAN  
SEE IT  
CLEARLY-

FLASH! SCIENTISTS HAVE  
JUST LAUNCHED THE FIRST  
EARTH SATELLITE. ANYONE  
SPOTTING IT PLEASE  
CALL US AT ONCE!

GOOD WORK, BETTY AND  
JIM! YOU ARE THE  
FIRST TO SPOT OUR  
NEW OBSERVATION  
SATELLITE!

GOSH! HERE  
ARE BETTY AND  
JIM'S PICTURES  
IN TODAY'S  
PAPER!!

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EVER GET A RADIO,  
A TELESCOPE AND  
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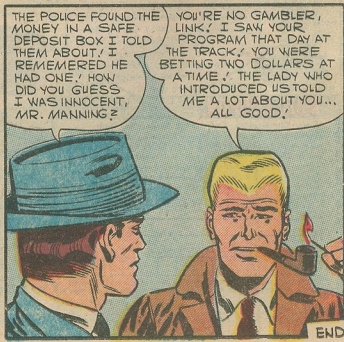
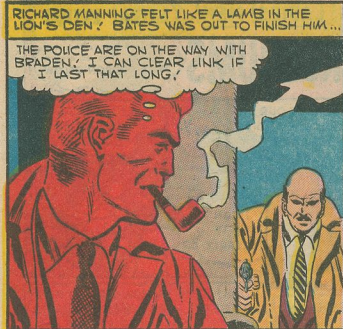
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# CRIME FACTS

**T**HE STREET IS DARK... AND THE LONE PEDESTRIAN DOESN'T EVEN SEE HIS ASSAILANT'S FACE AS HE'S HIT AND FALLS! THEN, THE WALLET IS SWIFTLY FOUND AND THE CRIMINAL IS GONE! APPARENTLY, THIS IS A PERFECT CRIME...



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BUT THEN THE VICTIM IS FOUND AND THE POLICE ARE CALLED! IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE CLUES AFTER ALL...



NO, I CAN'T REMEMBER... WAIT! HE HAD A SOUTHERN DRAWL! BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP, DOES IT?

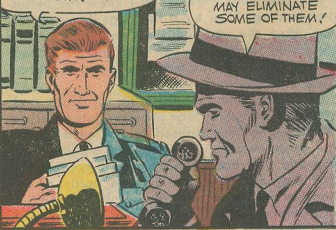
HERE'S THE WALLET HE DROPPED! EMPTY, OF COURSE!

SEND IT TO THE LAB FOR PRINTS!

LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS, A DOZEN MEN GO TO WORK ON THE CASE! THEY HAVE ONE SMUGGED THUMBPRINT TO GO ON... PLUS STRONG SUSPICIONS...

HERE'S SEVEN SOUTHERNERS WITH RECORDS WHO WE KNOW ARE IN THIS CITY NOW! WANT PRINTS ON THEM?

RIGHT THUMB PRINTS ESPECIALLY! THIS PRINT WON'T NAIL OUR MAN DOWN BUT IT MAY ELIMINATE SOME OF THEM!



THAT NARROWED IT DOWN TO THREE MEN! AND DETECTIVE KERWIN ACTED FAST...

DROP IT, BACKMANN! YOU HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO GET RID OF THE MONEY, HAVE YOU? ABOUT SIXTY DOLLARS?

SURE, AH GOT DOUGH -- BUT IT'S MINE! YUH CAN'T PROVE A THING!



BACKMANN CONFESSED! THE MONEY HE TOOK CONTAINED NUMBERS WRITTEN ON ONE BILL, IDENTIFIED BY THE VICTIM'S BOOKKEEPER! THE CRIME WAS SOLVED SEVEN HOURS AFTER IT WAS COMMITTED!

END





# BIG BILLS

"My Uncle Julius was sick," said Detective Al Norton. "So my wife decided to give his wife a bit of help. Called me up on the phone and told me she wouldn't be home. All I would have to do is to make my own breakfast. Sounds simple, doesn't it? At seven-thirty the next morning I was in the kitchen. I found the can of frozen orange juice, but where my wife hid the can opener was and still is a mystery. Spent fifteen good valuable minutes looking for it. Then I took a hammer and the screw driver. One smack and I went through the can and dented the table top. That was the end of any desire for orange juice.

"So I thought I should have fried eggs and bacon. I put some butter in the pan. Maybe I was dreaming. Next thing I knew the butter was burning. Then I put the eggs into another pan. How the egg shells got into that pan is something funny, but they were there! I turned around to look at the morning paper. The three strips of bacon were ruined.

"I figured that I should settle for coffee and toast, but something was wrong with the electric toaster. One slice refused to get even warm. The other came out looking like a thick hunk of wood that had been burned. It even tasted that way. When I went for the bottle of instant coffee, what do you think I found? It was empty! Here in the midst of civilization, I was starving."

"Why didn't you go around to the corner drug store and get some breakfast," interrupted Detective Ben Egan. "It would have saved you time, temper, and no worry at all."

"Exactly what I did," smiled Detective Al Norton. "Only I should have thought of it early in the morning before I went into my own kitchen."

The phone rang and Al Norton answered it. No need to continue on the topic of a man trying to make a good morning breakfast.

"Chief Edward Mirkus wants us in his office at once: Says he just received a phone call and we will have to leave everything and get in there pronto. Come on! We can't keep the Chief waiting."

The police chief was proud of the two members of his Special Squad. They could handle

anything from the ordinary routine matters to the toughest assignment. The door to his office was open and they walked in.

"Officer Frank Moore called in five minutes ago. His foot beat is on the east side of Central Avenue. Some story he had to tell me. There's a house at 212 Central Avenue. Just full of money. Two men went in with a flour barrel that was empty and filled it with money. They had a fight with Mrs. Hilda Shutska. Left the barrel but took \$5,000 with them. Edwards and Green of the Robbery Squad are out there. Get out in a hurry and find out how a house is full of money."

Twenty minutes later, Detectives Al Norton and Ben Egan parked their car outside of the nine-room two story house located at 212 Central Avenue. Another police car was ahead of them. Officer Frank Moore was outside and escorted both of them inside.

"You just look for yourself before you do any asking of questions," warned the police officer. "There's money, money, everywhere in the house. We found money in one-pound coffee bags filled to the top and carelessly tossed into corners. Then there was the closet in the hall. In the pockets of every pair of pants and jacket we found money. There were 20 pairs of trousers and 10 jackets. In the kitchen, the utensils and flower pots were loaded with coins. The bathtub is full of five dollar bills. Down in the coal bin there isn't one little lump of coal. The thing is filled with dimes, quarters, and half dollars."

The two detectives followed the police officer into a living room that was furnished with old chairs that should have long ago been in the junk heap. Seated at a table, were officers Edward and Green. Both were busy counting money.

"Hello fellows," greeted Detective Al Norton. "Where am I? Is this the United States Mint? Or a bank from Civil War Days?"

"When the reporters get here, they won't believe it," sighed Edwards. "So far we figure this place has about \$125,450.00 in good money. Old, but good. The bills are the big ones they once issued. Mr. John Shutska and his wife Hilda didn't believe in keeping their



money in banks. Seems they have the reputation of being poor. I don't get it."

Twenty minutes later, one Theodore Witsman, attorney-at-law, was permitted to enter the house. The Shutska's were his clients. They had called him. He spoke to them and then to Detectives Al Norton and Ben Egan.

"For forty years, John Shutska drove a garbage truck. He just saved all of his money. That includes tips people gave him. I have tried in vain to get them to put the money into a bank. Now they will listen to me. A tall man rang their bell this morning. Said he was a gas inspector. They opened the door. He held a piece of pipe in his hand and threatened to hit them if they screamed. His partner brought in an empty barrel and started to fill it with money. Mrs. Shutska scratched the stout man with her finger nails. Her husband fought with the other man. They fled but grabbed a big package of those large one dollar bills."

"We can get into action at once," suggested Detective Al Norton. "They may try to buy gas and we'll contact all gas stations. Or they might try to get some first aid stuff at a drug store. So we will notify drug stores. Also other stores to be on the lookout for those large dollar bills."

The two detectives returned quickly to headquarters and prepared the notices which went out before dark. It was the next morning that results showed up. They received a telephone call to come out to Mack's Gas Station at the corner of Edgemere Road and Percville Street. The two detectives drove out.

"The name is Mack Burney," said the owner. "I got one of those notices. Last night at about seven-thirty a fellow drives up in a 1948 Plymouth. In good condition. Blue sedan. Buys ten gallons and a quart of oil. Gives me those large old paper dollars. For a moment I hesitated, but took them. Gave change and managed to get a good look at the two. One had his face scratched. I thought something must be fishy. So when they left, I took a fast glance at the back license plate. Jotted the number down on the pad in my office. Wait and I'll get it for you."

The two detectives read the license number: SK-234-891. If the car wasn't stolen, the rest would be easy.

"We ought to get a quick run down on the

owner from the Auto License Bureau," remarked Detective Al Norton to his buddy. "Lou Daly is in charge. He's quick at getting results."

An hour later the two detectives found themselves in front of an address. It was an old boarding house on the outskirts of the town. In front of the boarding house was a 1948 Plymouth blue sedan with the license number of SK-234-891.

"If they are in, we better be careful," suggested Detective Ben Egan.

The two detectives rang the bell. A tired old lady with a mop in her hand answered.

"I don't care what it is you have to sell or give away. I just am not interested."

"You will be interested in our credentials," replied Detective Ben Egan.

"Oh," she apologized as she saw the badges. Then she led them into her living room and listened to what they had to say.

"The tall one is Slim Summers and his friend is Jack Gutter. They have a small apartment on the top floor. One came in last night with scratches on his face. I gave him peroxide and fixed it for him. Said he had a fight with his girl friend. They are out now but should be back within half an hour."

The two detectives waited. The old lady watched through the window. She nodded and pointed.

"Coming in now."

The door opened and the two men came in with some packages.

"Some people to see you," she remarked. "Come right into the living room."

The two detectives were standing. It was Slim Summers who looked them both up and down.

"We don't know you guys. So beat it."

Detective Al Norton showed his badge. The two men looked at each other.

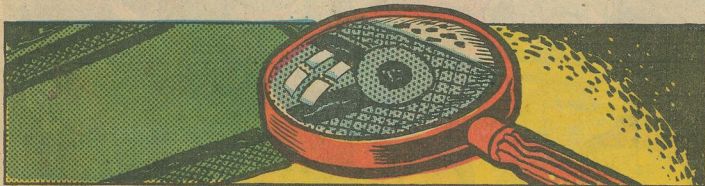
"A ticket for parking the car near a fire hydrant?" asked Jack Gutter.

"For robbery and assault. Come to headquarters and be peaceful about it."

"We give back all the money and you forget about it," suggested Jack Gutter.

"You give back the money and you'll see what you can forget behind prison bars," replied Detective Ben Egan.

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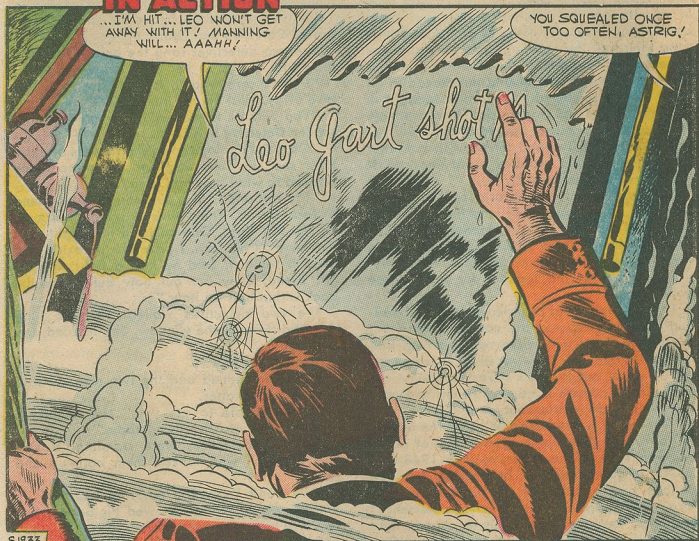
PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

# PUBLIC DEFENDER

IN VANISHED CLUE

AS GANGSTERS' BULLETS POUNDED AT HIM, THE VICTIM REACHED FOR THE STEAMY MIRROR AND WROTE PAINFULLY BUT CLEARLY... THE NAME OF THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN THAT WAS TRYING TO TAKE HIS LIFE.

IN ACTION



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THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, RICHARD MANNING, FIRST SAW JOE ASTRIG WHEN HE WAS ARRAIGNED ON ROBBERY CHARGES...

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT? I TRIED TO HOLD UP A BOOKIE, THAT'S ALL.

YOU MUST HAVE A LAWYER, MR. MANNING, WILL YOU DEFEND THIS MAN?

YES, YOUR HONOR!

LATER, IN THE DETENTION CELL NEAR THE COURT ROOM...

JOE, YOU'RE NOT A CRIMINAL! WHY DID YOU ROB THE BOOKMAKER?

HE ROBBED ME, DIDN'T HE? AND HIS BOSS, LEO GANT, HE BEAT ME UP.



## PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

THAT NAME RANG A BELL! LEO GART WAS A  
GANGSTER ... SLIPPERY, HARD TO CONVICT...

WHAT ABOUT  
GART? IS HE  
IN THIS?

SURE! THE BOOKIE TOLD ME  
TO SEE HIM WHEN I WENT  
BROKE! SAID HE'D LEND ME  
DOUGH! HE DID... AND HE  
COLLECTED FOR IT THREE  
TIMES! SEE THIS CUT?

HE TRIED TO KEEP COLLECTIN' AND I SQUAWKED!  
HE SLUGGED ME! TOLD ME TO RAISE THE DOUGH  
IN TWO DAYS!

THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE DEFENDANT PAROLED IN HIS CUSTODY. ASTRIG WAS GRATEFUL BUT AFRAID...

RELAX, MAN!  
MAYBE I CAN  
GET A SUSPEND-  
ED SENTENCE  
FOR YOU!

I'M NOT  
WORRIED  
ABOUT THE  
LAW! LEO  
GART IS  
THE ONE  
THAT WORRIES  
ME!

ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED  
BY RICHARD MANNING, GART  
WAS QUESTIONED ONCE MORE!

I DON'T REMEMBER! MAYBE  
SEE, MANNING? NOT,  
ASTRIG'S GART!  
SQUAWKIN' BUT YOU'LL  
DIDN'T DO GET JUSTICE  
ANY GOOD SOONER OR  
AT ALL! LATER!

NO THREATS,  
COUNSELOR!  
DON'T GET  
ME MAD.

I DON'T  
CARE IF YOU  
GET MAD OR  
NOT, GART!  
YOU CAN'T  
SCARE ME!

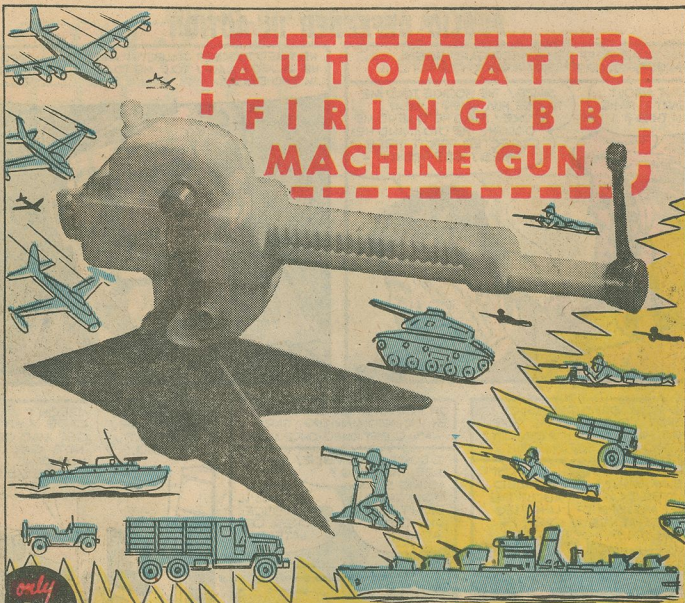
THAT NIGHT, AS RICHARD MANNING PARKED HIS CAR...

NEXT TIME, WE WON'T  
MISS, MANNING.

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# PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION





# PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

RICHARD MANNING WAS HOME THAT NIGHT WHEN THE PHONE RANG.

HELLO, MANNING? JOE ASTRIG, MY WIFE'S AWAY! SOMEONE'S TRYIN' TO GET IN THE HOUSE.

PLAY DUMB TILL I GET THERE! PRETEND TO BE SHAVING OR SOMETHING...



RICHARD MANNING BROKE EVERY SPEED LAW... BUT AS HIS ROARING CAR CROSSED THE CITY, A MENACING FIGURE SMASHED THROUGH ASTRIG'S DOOR...

WHERE ARE YOU, SQUEALER? THE BOYS ARE OUTSIDE! YOU CAN'T RUN!



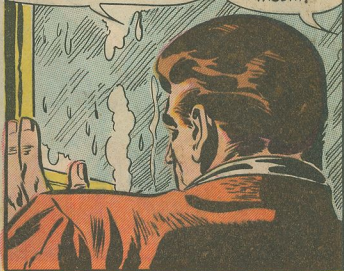
PUT THE GUN AWAY, GART! IT DOESN'T SCARE ME!

IT SHOULD -- I'M GONNA USE IT ON YUH!



THE MIRROR'S ALL STEAMED! HOW CAN A GUY SHAVE IN A STEAMY MIRROR?

YOU SHAVED FOR THE LAST TIME, BIG MOUTH!



ASTRIG HAD BEEN TRYING TO STALL FOR TIME... BUT HE KNEW HE'D LOST AS HE STARTED TO SCRAWL ON THE STEAMED MIRROR...

THEY'LL GET YOU FOR... UNGH!



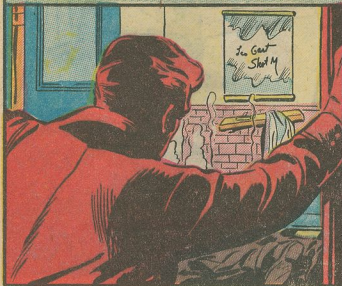
NO ONE WILL GET ME! NO PROOF!

MANNING... MANNING WILL...



# PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

MANNING GOT THERE MOMENTS LATER. THE SMELL OF BURNED POWDER AND STEAM CAME THROUGH THE SMASHED DOOR...



POOR JOE'S IN A COMA. WHAT'S THAT ON THE MIRROR?



ASTRIG DID HIS BEST--BUT THAT'S FADING OUT. I'LL CALL THE POLICE AND AN AMBULANCE... THEN I'LL SEE GART.



MANNING FOUND GART WAITING FOR HIM. THE ARROGANT GANGSTER LAUGHED WHEN HE SAW HIM...

YOU LOST A CLIENT, EH, MANNING? BAD FOR YOUR REPUTATION.

NOT IF I GET THE MAN WHO SHOT HIM. AND YOU'RE THE ONE, GART.



ASTRIG LEFT A MESSAGE, GART. THE POLICE WILL PICK YOU UP SOON.

I'M CLEAN, MANNING. LET 'EM COME.



MANNING MOVED FAST ONCE OUTSIDE THE SUITE. HE ALREADY SPOTTED A WINDOW LEDGE WIDE ENOUGH FOR HIS PURPOSES...

IF I KNOW GART, HE'LL BE HIDING ANY INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE. AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE HE HIDES IT.





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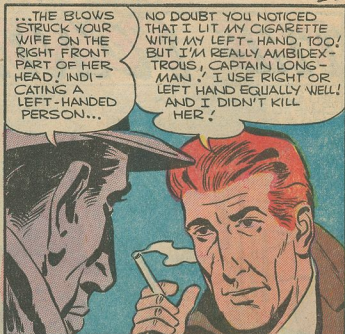


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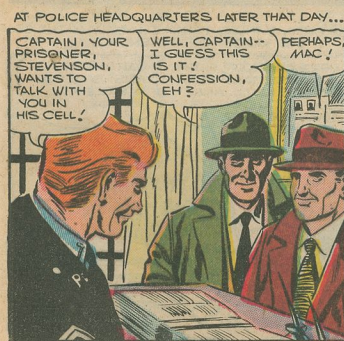
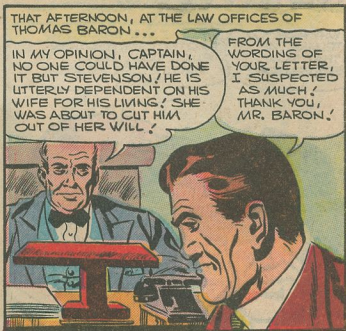
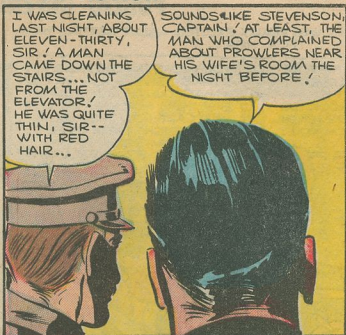




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"I WAS REALLY EXCITED ABOUT GETTING THEM FOR HER!"



THEY'RE SO LOVELY, THEY LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL ON YOU...

YOU TWO-CENT CHISELER! BUYING JEWELS FOR ME ON MY ACCOUNT! YOU DIDN'T BUY THEM FOR ME BECAUSE YOU CARE HOW THEY LOOK-- YOU BOUGHT THEM TO GET A COMMISSION FROM YOUR BROTHER!

YOUR BROTHER?

YES, MY BROTHER JOHN IS A JEWELER. HE SOLD THE JEWELS TO ME! WELL, HE WAS TO PAY ME A COMMISSION, CAPTAIN! A SMALL ONE, THAT IS! A MERE THOUSAND DOLLARS!



WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT NOW, STEVENSON?

WELL, I... I WANTED TO PROTECT MY BROTHER! BUT... NOW, IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!



LATER, AT WILL STEVENSON'S JEWELRY STORE.

...YES, I CALLED AT THE HOTEL AND RECEIVED BACK THE JEWELS I HAD SOLD MY BROTHER FOR HER ACCOUNT! WHY DO YOU ASK?

MRS. STEVENSON WAS MURDERED LAST NIGHT! I THINK YOU'D BETTER COME ALONG WITH US!



BACK AT THE HOTEL...

YES, SIR! THAT'S THE MAN I SAW! HE'S THE ONE!

I TELL YOU WHEN I LEFT MRS. STEVENSON'S ROOM-- SHE WAS VERY MUCH ALIVE!



"IF FACT, I THOUGHT THAT I MYSELF MIGHT BE THE VICTIM OF VIOLENCE"...

HERE ARE YOUR FILTHY JEWELS! TAKE THEM AND GET OUT... AND DON'T YOU OR YOUR BROTHER EVER RETURN HERE AGAIN!

WAIT... WAIT! I MUST GIVE YOU A RECEIPT, LYDIA!



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"I MADE OUT THE RECEIPT, SHE SNATCHED IT FROM ME AND STUCK IT INTO HER BAG, AS I LEFT SHE WAS RETRIEVING THE SCATTERED BILLS THAT HAD FALLEN OUT..."

NOW GET OUT! GET OUT!



"...AND BELIEVE ME, I LEFT, I DIDN'T EVEN WAIT FOR THE ELEVATOR..."

I'LL CHECK YOUR STATEMENTS THOROUGHLY, MR. STEVENSON! MEANWHILE, KEEP YOURSELF AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING.

BUT YOU CERTAINLY DON'T THINK NOW THAT I... I... Y-YES SIR! GOOD DAY!



WELL, SIR, YOU HAVE TWO PRIME SUSPECTS NOW! WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

I'LL TURN THE EVIDENCE OVER TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND LET HIM DECIDE! MEANWHILE, HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO...



BZZZ... BZZZ...

WHAT THE DICKENS! YOU DON'T BELIEVE...



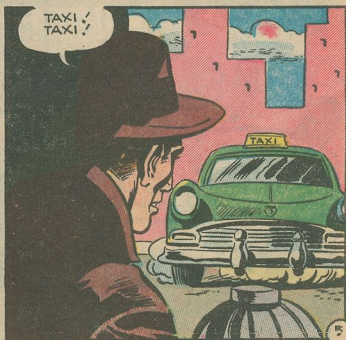
THINGS WENT AHEAD, WITH CHARGES PRESSED AGAINST BIRCHARD STEVENSON! HE WAS FORMALLY CHARGED WITH MURDER! THEN, THREE WEEKS LATER...

CAPTAIN, THIS IS MAC! WELL, I THINK WE HAVE SOMETHING AT 4209 AVENUE K, THE MATTER JUST CAME TO A HEAD...

GOOD, MAC! WAIT FOR ME THERE!



TAXI! TAXI!



# PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

GOOD, MAC!  
LET'S GO!

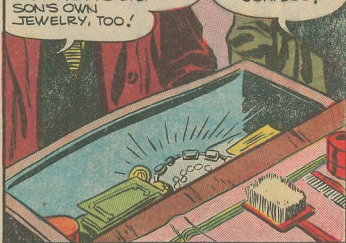
IT'S ON THE FOURTH  
FLOOR, CAPTAIN!



EVENTUALLY...

HERE WE ARE, MAC! THE  
RECEIPT FOR THE JEWELS!  
SOME OF THE MONEY AT  
LEAST! AND SOME  
OF LYDIA STEVEN-  
SON'S OWN  
JEWELRY, TOO!

I GUESS YOUR  
HUNCH WAS  
RIGHT, CAPTAIN!  
BUT WE'VE GOT  
TO GET THE  
PRISONER TO  
CONFESS!



AT HEADQUARTERS...

YOU ARE JOE KRAFT?  
AND IT'S TRUE, ISN'T  
IT, THAT YOU HAVE A  
LONG RECORD OF  
CRIMES AGAINST YOU?

SO WHAT?  
YOU GOT  
NOTHIN' ON  
ME!



ONLY THESE EVIDENCES OF MURDER FOUND IN  
YOUR ROOM, KRAFT! YOU WERE PROWLING  
ON THE FIRE ESCAPE OF THE HOTEL! YOU  
SAW LYDIA STEVENSON SPILL HER MONEY  
FROM HER BAG! WHEN HER GUEST LEFT  
YOU ENTERED BY THE WINDOW--WHEN  
SHE SCREAMED, YOU STRUCK AND  
KILLED HER! THEN YOU STOLE HER  
JEWELS, MONEY AND THIS RECEIPT  
THAT WAS IN HER HANDBAG AND  
LEFT BY THE WINDOW!



LATER, WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY...

WHAT MADE YOU  
CHECK THE LINE-  
UP FOR A  
SIMILAR  
CRIME,  
CAPTAIN!

WELL, IT ALMOST HAD TO BE  
THE OVERLOOKED PROWLER!  
BIRCHARD STEVENSON SEEM-  
ED TO HAVE NEITHER THE  
STRENGTH NOR AGGRESSIVE-  
NESS TO WIELD A BLUDGEON!  
ALSO, HE DID NOT TRY TO  
COVER UP HIS TENDENCY TO  
USE HIS LEFT HAND!



AND  
THE  
BROTHER?

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKELY  
JOHN WOULD KILL JUST TO MAKE A  
SALE! AND WITH THE CUSTOMER  
WILLING TO RETURN THE JEWELS,  
HE WOULD FEEL LUCKY TO BE  
GETTING THEM BACK! SO, AS  
I SAID BEFORE, THERE WAS  
NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT FIND  
THE PROWLER, WHEN HE  
PROWLING AGAIN!



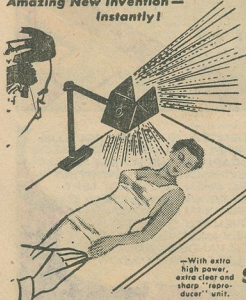
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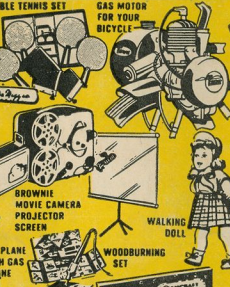
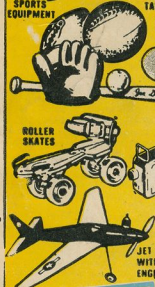
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